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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 5530

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION KINSHASA FROM LUBUMBASHI MAY 29
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE
C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 0595

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH COL GRAS MAY 29

1. CONSULATE OFFICE ACCOMPANIED ARMATT WHEN HE CALLED ON FRENCH
COMMANDER COLONEL GRAS. GRAS SAID THAT BULK OF HIS FORCES
BEING DEPLOYED TO LUBUMBASHI AND HE IS LEAVING ONLY A
REINFORCED COMPANY (APPROX 250 MEN) IN KOLWEZI. GRAS WAS
UNCLEAR, BUT IMPLICATION WAS THAT FRENCH WOULD AT SOME TIME
IN FUTURE DESIRE ANOTHER AMERICAN AIRLIFT. THIS TIME TO
WITHDRAW FRENCH FORCES AND MATERIAL.

2. GRAS SAID THAT FIGURES FROM RED CROSS IN KOLWEZI AS
OF 100Z MAY 27 SHOWED 131 CONFIRMED EUROPEAN DEATHS (6
OF WHICH ARE WOMEN AND TWO CHILDREN) 382 DEAD AFRICAN
SOLDIERS (INSURGENT AND/OR FAZ) AND 151 DEAD AFRICAN
CIVILIANS. FRENCH CASUALTIES
ARE 4 KIA AND 8 WOUNDED. FIGURES ARE
NOT FINAL AS BODIES STILL BEING DISCOVERED.
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COMMENT: RED CROSS PROVIDED CONSULATE DIFFERENT AND
LOWER NUMBERS MAY 28 BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL. END COMMENT

3. GRAS SAID IT WAS HIS INFORMATION THAT MUTSHATSHA
HAD BEEN ABANDONED AND THAT KASAJI WAS UNDER ATTACK
GROSS CONFIRMED THAT FAZ 14 BRIGADE IN KOLWEZI AND

MUTSHATSHA WAS COMPLETELY DISORGANIZED.

4. BELGIAN PARAS ARE MOVING INTO TOWNS IN SHABA
WHERE SMALL DETACHMENTS FROM FRENCH LEGION ARE MOVING OUT
BELGIANS WILL BE STATIONED AT LIKASI, LUBUMBASHI, KIPUSHI
AND FUNGARUME. GRAS DID NOT MENTION KAMBOVE
BUT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN UNINTENTIONAL OMISSION.
FRENCH TROOPS STILL CONTROL LUALABA BRIDGE.
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